

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the Request for Continuing Examination.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected the claims over the prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 over the U.S. patent to Nagaoka taken singly or in combination with other references, objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure and applied the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In connection with the Examiner's objections and rejections, applicants canceled the original claims and submitted a new set of claims 32-39, with claims 32 and 39, the broadest independent claims on file.

The Examiner indicated that the features in which the applicant relied were structural nature and method nature. With the present Amendment applicants submitted exclusively the inventive claims.


It is respectfully submitted that the new features of the present invention as defined in claims 32 and 39, the broadest independent claims on file, are not disclosed in the patent to Nagaoka and in the other references which were cited by the Examiner.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 32 and 39 should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-243-3818).

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*Extension
Request*

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term by 2 months
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